



**Lake Ripley Management District  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
May 15, 2021, 9:00 AM  
N4450 County Road A  
Cambridge, Wisconsin, 53523  
Agenda**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Jimmy DeGidio, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Board members present in addition to DeGidio: Debbie Kutz, Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Craig Kempel, Doug Maurer, Keith Kolb, and Walt Christensen. Also present: Lianna Spencer - Lake Manager, Dave DeGidio, Jon Tilp, and Roxanne Schiller.

**II. Public Comment**

DeGidio asked that agenda item VI d. be moved to the end of the meeting. A roll call vote was taken to agree to the change.

**III. Approve Minutes of April 17, 2021 Board meeting**

**Gómez-Ibáñez made a motion to approve the April minutes as corrected, Kempel seconded. Motion passed.**

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Kutz reported on the April budget and expenditures. Receipts for April were \$5,466.93, including \$3,091.02 (April tax settlement), \$2,000 donation to the general fund from Jane Jacobson-Brown and Kent Brown, \$337.77 from Gómez-Ibáñez for tools and supplies for Preserve work, and \$8.92 for a turtle sign. Disbursements were \$13,590.09 of which \$1,860 was for survey work and \$900 to complete the repair of the observation deck. Kolb asked about the large amount in our checking account. Kutz explained how both general and restricted funds are in that account. Kutz was thanked for her great work. **Kolb made a motion to accept the report as presented. Christensen seconded. Motion passed.**

**V. Lake Manager's Report and Correspondence**

Spencer reported on the accomplishments of the month. Highlights included the installation of the carp barrier on May 5<sup>th</sup>, with thanks to DeGidio and Jon Tilp for weekend maintenance checks. ERC will continue treating the phragmites on Island Lane, with grant funding secured previously. Two applicants for the CBCW job have been hired and will begin Monday. They will also be doing budgeted-for stewardship work in our Preserve. Great news on the new weed harvesting map produced by Spencer! The DNR is open to allowing more navigational lanes. Ripples is at the printers for circulation by Memorial Day. Mislabeled buoys on the lake took much effort to correct. Spencer and DeGidio recorded all of the actual GPS coordinates for each of the 22 buoys and compared those to where they were supposed to go. Spencer's report to Oakland Township

resulted in corrected placement of the buoys. Work on the Preserve Management Plan is going well. Weed harvester is out of storage and will be deployed soon.

**a. Field Technician update**

Dwight Osmon completed another water quality monitoring event and the third one will be May 16. Dwight will be working 3-4 days per week once school is out for the year.

**VI. New Business**

**a. Board budget requests discussion and possible action**

Kutz invited board members to submit requests this month and next, before budget work in July. Kutz thought it worked well last year and was helpful for the budget process.

**b. Pontoon purchases discussion and possible action**

Denny has the pontoon working, but it needs new seats which could be purchased for about \$2,000. A recent donation would cover that cost. **Gómez-Ibáñez made a motion to purchase what is needed, not to exceed \$2,000. Christensen seconded. Motion passed.**

**c. Buoy placement discussion**

DeGidio reminded the board that although the buoys are under Township ordinance, the Lake District receives all the complaints. He hopes the latest round of work will settle the issue for this season. Maurer observed that motorized boats are entering Vasby's Channel despite the "No Motors" buoys.

**VII. Old Business**

**a. Discussion and possible action on remote attendance during Covid-19**

DeGidio thinks we should continue our opportunity for people to attend remotely through our annual meeting in August, and then reassess. Christensen hopes TV will return, because that is another way to "attend". **Gómez-Ibáñez made a motion to continue remote attendance through August. Maurer seconded. Motion passed.**

**b. Discussion and possible action on firewood collection**

Our winter firewood event failed due to deep snow, but we would like wood removed as soon as possible. Saturday, June 12 will be the next event.

**c. Discussion and possible action on Endowment fund**

No update.

**A roll call vote was held to enter in to closed session for the purposes of items VI. d. on the agenda. All ayes. Closed session began at 9:38AM.**

[Meeting entered Closed Session [as per §Wis. Statute 19.85 (1)(e) to consider land purchase]

**d. Land purchase discussion and possible action**

**VIII. Return to Open Session**

**Motion to return to open session was made by Christensen and seconded by Gómez-Ibáñez. Open session began at 9:59AM.**

**IX. Adjournment**

**A motion was made to adjourn by Kolb, seconded by Christensen. Meeting was adjourned at 10:02AM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Secretary  
Recorder: Lianna Spencer

Date: May 18, 2021